Trauma care centres in Rajasthan

†619.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for establishment of Trauma Care Centres on every 100 kilometer stretch under project for trauma care facilities along National Highways;

(b) whether the project has provision for arrangement of crane/ambulance/first aid van and medicine in serious cases at trauma care centres; and

(c) if so, the places in Rajasthan where such centres have been established and whether they are fully equipped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the revised scheme in the 11th Five Year Plan for establishment of Trauma Care Centres on the National Highways, ambulances are provided by the National Highway Authority of India at a distance of every 50 kms to ensure that no trauma victim has to be transported for more than 50 kms.

The list of approved trauma centres in Rajasthan where funds have been released for construction during 11th Five Year Plan is as under:-

(i) S.M.S. Medical College, Jaipur (ii) J.L.N. Medical College, Ajmer (iii) R.N..T. Medical College, Udiapur (iv) New Medical College Hospital, Kota (v) Taluka Hospital, Kotputti (vi) Distt. Hospital, Bhilwara (vii) Civil Hospital, Dungarpur (viii) Govt. Hospital, Sirohi (ix) Govt. Hospital, Baran (x) Shri Sanwaliya Hopsital, Chittorgarh.

Labelling of ingredients

†620.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for all drug manufacturers to indicate the quantity of all the ingredients in products;

(b) if so, whether the same principle will be applied to food items like cold drinks, breads, biscuits, etc.;

(c) whether Supreme Court has given instructions to mention all the ingredients in cold drinks in view of pollutants found in them; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to make it binding to mention all the ingredients and date of manufacturing and expiry on cold drinks and food items like bread, biscuit, toffee and such other processed food items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. Under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, manufacturers are required to indicate the content of active ingredients only on the label of the drug.

(b) Labelling provisions for articles of food are prescribed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and rules made there under.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, a comprehensive notification GSR No.664 (E) on nutritional labeling has been published by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 19.9.2008, which will become effective from the 19th of March, 2009.

Audit of medical equipments

621. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical equipments, including those installed in operation theatres, testing labs, life support systems, etc. at Central Government Hospitals like AIIMS, New Delhi, PGI, Chandigarh and others, are subject to audit at regular intervals;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the audit parameters;

(c) the details of audit of equipments last carried out showing operational deficiencies etc., wherever detected during the exercise, hospital-wise;

(d) whether steps have been taken in response thereto;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) At AIIMS, the audit of account including all the areas namely stores, procurement, administrative matters, pay & allowances, etc., is carried out yearly by Statutory Auditor *i.e.* Director General of Audit Central Revenue, New Delhi and compliances of audit objection are made promptly and regularly. However audit of medical equipments as such is not carried out separately. All the equipments are under annual maintenance contract and any malfunctioning, if detected, is rectified by the supplier/maintenance agent promptly.

Similarly, audit of the PGIMER, Chandigarh is carried out by Principal Accountant General's Office, UT Chandigarh, which also covers the medical equipments component. There is no specific Audit observation made by the Audit regarding operational deficiencies of equipments in the Institute.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals like Safdarjang Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi are concerned, the medical equipments are not subjected to Audit at regular intervals. However all equipments installed in operation theatres, testing labs, life support systems, etc. are put on Annual Maintenance Contract and are regularly got inspected. As and when any operational deficiency is found the same is rectified promptly.

Calibration of hospital equipments

622. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mechanical, electrical and electronic equipments installed in hospitals, including those in operation theaters and laboratories, etc., are needed to be mandatorily calibrated at prescribed frequencies for their proper functioning;